



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

*6.a. Updates, Discussion & Potential Vote on Consultant Services Recommendations and/or Scope of Work*

Key Discussion Question(s): Consultant Services Recommendations

1. Are the recommendations made reasonable and responsive to the rulings made by the PUC?
2. Is the Council comfortable with the recommended actions as presented?
3. Is the updated Scope of Work clear and provides support for core Council activities and priorities?

**Recommended vote language options:**

No votes are required on any of these recommendations, though the Council is able to vote on any/all of the recommendations and modifications presented by the Consultant team – including approving their updated scope of work – if so desired.

*6.b. Council Discussion & Potential Vote on Legal Services*

Key Discussion Question(s): Legal Services

1. Is the Council satisfied with the services provided by legal counsel?
2. Would issuing a competitive procurement to the market for legal services be in the best interest of the Council

**Recommended vote language:**

*To issue an RFP for Legal Services:* A motion to direct the Office of Energy Resources to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for legal services for the EERMC, to be reviewed by the Council at its March meeting before issuing it to the market.

*To execute EERMC's contract option:* A motion to execute the Council's contract option to effectuate a 12 month extension to its current contract with Desautel Law to continue providing legal services to the EERMC. Further, to direct the Office of Energy Resources to work with OER's attorney and the Acting Chair to execute this 12 month contract extension before April 30, 2022.

*6.c. Discussion & Potential Vote on EERMC 2022 Budget*

Key Discussion Question(s): 2022 EERMC Budget

1. Is the 2022 Council budget reasonable?
2. Does the 2022 budget adhere to the Council's statutory duties and support Council priorities for investment?
3. Are the allocations and potential uses for budget categories clear and appropriate?

4. Does the 2022 Budget provide flexibility for the Council to invest in important projects that may present themselves throughout the year?

**Recommended vote language:**

*Formal adoption of 2022 Budget:* A motion to adopt the 2022 EERMC budget as presented by the Office of Energy Resources (OER) on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and to direct OER to continue providing regular updates on Council spending throughout the year.

*Adoption of 2022 Budget, with amendments:* A motion to adopt the 2022 EERMC budget as presented by the Office of Energy Resources (OER) on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the following amendments *{state amendments}* and to further direct OER to continue providing regular updates on Council spending throughout the year.